

August Belmont was, on the 15th, elected president of the National Civic Federation to succeed the late Senator M. A. Hanna.

The Bank of Olin, Ia., owned by E. E. Snyder, made an assignment on the 14th. The liabilities are \$155,000, and the assets \$171,000.

The remains of the late Paul Kruger, former president of the Transvaal Republic, were laid to rest at Pretoria, South Africa, on the 16th.

A Tokio report, on the 14th, says that the Sevastopol, the last Russian battleship at Port Arthur, has been sunk by a Japanese torpedo attack.

A treaty of peace between the government of Paraguay and the revolutionists was signed, on the 12th, on board the Argentine warship Lapata.

Senator Berry presented in the senate, on the 14th, a memorial from the Cherokee nation asking that Indian territory be allowed a delegate in congress.

Will Jones, colored, was hanged at Helena, Ark., on the 16th, for the murder of A. W. Robertson. Jones murdered his victim in cold blood on February 6.

The senate was informed of the house's impeachment of Judge Swayne, on the 14th, and a committee was appointed to prepare the details of the proposed trial.

Three persons are known to have been killed and five others seriously injured, on the 15th, by the collapse of a suspension bridge across the Elk river at Charleston, W. Va.

The conviction of Harry A. Faulkner, former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, on the charge of perjury, was affirmed, on the 13th, by the Missouri supreme court.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick returned to Cleveland, O., on the 14th, in charge of federal officers. No attempt was made to give bail, and she will remain in jail for the present.

A Rock Island stock train ran into a Union Pacific freight train, which was standing on the crossing of the two roads, at Manhattan, Kas., on the 14th, and five persons were injured.

Fire at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, on the night of the 13th, destroyed the dormitory occupied by Troops E and H, Eighth cavalry; loss, \$3,000. Three men were slightly hurt.

Wireless telegraph messages were sent, on the 15th, from Kansas City, Mo., to Cleveland, O., 735 miles, without relay. This is said to be the longest distance overland ever covered.

Charles E. Shively, of Richmond, Ind., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, has ruled that Assyrians do not belong to the negro race, and are eligible to membership in that order.

The sale of the physical property of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. to the Chicago House Vreelock Co. was approved by the board of directors on the 13th, the consideration being \$450,000.

A lone robber held up the bank of Chisholm, Minn., on the 14th, during business hours, and secured \$2,200. He forced Cashier Greiser into the vault at the muzzle of a revolver, and locked the door. The robber escaped.

Escorted to the Grand Central depot by a squad of police, and cheered by the "banzais" of his countrymen, Prince Sadanaru Fushimi of Japan left New York, on the 13th, for Chicago. He will proceed by way of Chicago, Denver and San Francisco.

Gen. Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch from Chofoo to the London Telegraph, on the 16th, has again been wounded, this time by a rifle bullet. The correspondent adds that the wound is not serious.

Philip Weinsheimer, former president of the New York Building Trades Alliance, who has been in the Tombs since October 15 last, under sentence to Sing Sing for extortion, was released, on the 15th, in \$10,000 cash bail, pending appeal.

Miss Helen Gould Bell, infant daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Sherman Bell, of Denver, Colo., will have as a Christmas present a complete dinner set of over one hundred pieces in solid silver, with bowls and cups gold lined, the gift of Miss Helen Miller Gould.

The senate committee on territories, by a vote of six to four, on the 15th, authorized a favorable report on the statehood bill for the admission into the union of Oklahoma and Indian territory to become the state of Oklahoma, and of Arizona and New Mexico to become the state of Arizona.

Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives, and four others, including Lieut. William C. Cole, were terribly scalded, on the 15th, by a rush of steam and boiling water in the boiler room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at League Island navy yard in Philadelphia.

A mass meeting in New York city, called to urge the prompt ratification of the arbitration treaties recently signed by the state department with several of the leading powers, was held, on the 16th, at Carnegie hall, under the auspices of the New York executive committee of the American conference on international arbitration.

Sazonoff, who threw the bomb which killed Minister of the Interior von Plehve, of Russia, on July 28, and Sikorsky, his accomplice in the crime, were, on the 13th, found guilty by the court of appeals, sitting in the law courts building at St. Petersburg. The former was sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor, and the latter to 20 years' imprisonment.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-EIGHT CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

SENATE.—The senate, on the 12th, had under consideration the pure food and Philippine government bills. Debate on the former was confined to calling attention to the inadequacy of the protection accorded the people of the United States against impure foods and drugs. The discussion of the Philippine bill related solely to the question of the guarantee by the Philippine government of the income on interests on the bonds on railroad of those islands. Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, was the leader in the criticism. HOUSE.—The house transacted quite a large amount of miscellaneous business, starting with pension bills, and considering the bill financial bill later in the day. A number of bills of local character were passed, and an adjournment was forced for lack of a quorum when an attempt was made to pass the joint resolution relating to the use of the Washington monument lot for the American railway appliance exhibition. The bill transferring the forest reserves from the department of the interior to the agricultural department, which has been pending in congress for several years, was passed.

SENATE.—In the senate, on the 12th, a number of private bills, and a few bills of a semi-public character, were passed, and there was some discussion of the pure food bill by Messrs. McCumber, Platt, of Connecticut, and Spooner, of Wisconsin. The bill granting the pension office building, the inaugural bill also was passed. Mr. Bailey expressed opposition to the senate's going into executive session at 3:01 p. m., and at 3:03 o'clock adjourned. HOUSE.—Sitting as a grand jury, the house of representatives, with almost a full membership, after more than five hours' discussion to the exclusion of all other business, adopted a resolution, providing for the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne, of the northern district of Florida, for high crimes and misdemeanors. The case against the respondent was clearly set out by Mr. McPherson, Pennsylvania, chairman of the sub-committee of the judiciary committee, which heard the evidence. Following the adoption of the impeachment resolution, provisions were made for appointment of five members to notify the senate of the impeachment, and for a committee of seven to prepare the articles of impeachment. The house adjourned at 5:18 o'clock p. m.

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Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, and William C. Greene, of New York, rival copper kings, met at the Hotel Touraine, Boston, on the 16th, and instead of a scrap there was only an extended private conference, at which each of the gentlemen arrived at a perfect understanding of the other's position.

Warren F. Fumher, a rural mail carrier at Lockport, N. Y., and H. W. Aldrich, rural carrier of Concord, N. H., both officials of the National Association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers, have been peremptorily removed from the service for flagrant disobedience of the president's orders.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol, lying in the outer harbor of Port Arthur, has been seriously damaged by repeated attacks by Japanese torpedo boats. On the 15th she was reported down by the head, her torpedo tubes being submerged. One of the Japanese torpedo boats is missing.

James J. Butler will be allowed to retain his seat in congress from the Twelfth Missouri district until the close of his term. The committee on elections did not declare Butler fairly elected, but simply asked to be discharged from further consideration of the case, which was acquiesced in by the house. The contestant did not fully comply with the law.

Passengers who have arrived at Chefoo, from the Kwong Tung peninsula, confirm the official Japanese reports of the sinking of various Russian warships at Port Arthur.

Sixty-five per cent. of the government exhibit in the government building at the St. Louis World's fair grounds will be forwarded to the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Ore.

W. S. McCartney, a patient at the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln, Neb., and member of a leading family of that state, was strangled to death by a fellow patient, Dr. Olat Ancora. Both men were confined in the violent ward, and were mockingly left alone.

The snow storm and gale which struck the Atlantic coast, on the 18th, was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coast and from incoming steamers tell of furious gales and many disasters.

Colorado republicans are preparing to appeal to the state legislature, which has been made safely republican by supreme court rulings, to seat Gov. Peabody over Alva Adams, the democratic governor-elect.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in an address to Harvard students, on the 18th, sounded the note of a new religion, confessing his skepticism in the inspiration of the Bible and orthodox teachings of Christianity.

Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Rose White, the 18-year-old daughter of Harlan White, whose mutilated body was found near Chapmanville, W. Va., on the 17th.

Mrs. Mary Andrews Clark, mother of Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, died at her home in Los Angeles, Cal., on the 18th, after an illness of but seven days, aged 92 years.

More than a mile of the partially-completed pipe line of the Kansas Natural Gas Co., near Coffeyville, Kas., was, on the 17th, blown up with dynamite by masked men.

Bernard B. McGreevy, of O'Neill, Neb., former president of the Elkhorn Valley bank, which closed its doors on Thanksgiving eve, was arrested, on the 18th, at Phoenix, Ariz.

The nude body of a white woman, who is believed to have been murdered, was found on Mount Cutler, near Colorado Springs, Colo., on the 18th, by two surveyors.

Rev. Luther H. Trowbridge, of Detroit, Mich., for 32 years editor and proprietor of the Christian Herald, died in Los Angeles, Cal., on the 18th.

Maj. Kuhn, U. S. A., who was military attaché with the Japanese second army, has been reassigned to witness the fall of Port Arthur.

Moscow, Russia, was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration, on the 18th. Probably 5,000 people actually participated.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The United States circuit court of appeals, sitting in St. Paul, Minn., on the 12th, rendered a decision denying a rehearing in the cases of Thomas E. Barrett, John P. Dolan and Frank Garrett, convicted in the United States district court at St. Louis of naturalization frauds, and sentenced to \$1,000 fine and five years' imprisonment each.

Senator Hopkins introduced a bill in the senate, on the 13th, to place Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus on the retired list of the army as a major-general.

Richard D. Lancaster, who for more than thirty years was prominent in Missouri politics, died at his home in St. Louis on the night of the 14th, after an illness lasting several months.

A report from the Third Japanese army, outside Port Arthur, states that every part of the city and harbor is visible from 200-meter hill. The streets are described as deserted with but few soldiers doing patrol duty.

The business portion of Chicago was enveloped in darkness for nearly an hour, late in the afternoon of the 12th, by the breaking down of the Chicago-Edison Co.'s plant. Thousands of Christmas shoppers were imprisoned in stores, whose doors were closed to prevent the ingress of thieves. No casualties were reported.

Following a disagreement of the jury in the fourth trial of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, Minn., and their discharge, Judge Elliott sustained a motion of Special County Attorney Kerr that all indictments against Ames be dismissed.

The Russian Asiatic squadron having been eliminated, Admiral Togo will bend every energy to the putting of his fleet into condition to meet the Russian Baltic squadron when it arrives in far eastern waters.

The Humble oil field, 17 miles north of Houston, Tex., is a total wreck, due to subterranean convulsions which have turned the deep wells into veritable volcanoes, which hurl stones and mud a thousand feet in the air.

Robert H. Patton, chosen to succeed Oliver W. Stewart as chairman of the national committee of the prohibition party, declines to serve; and the committee having adjourned and scattered, finds itself without a head.

O. D. Ashley, vice-president of the Washburn Railroad Co., and one of the highest authorities on commercial and financial questions, died at his home in New York city, on the 16th, aged nearly 84 years.

The Japanese column on Field Marshal Oyama's right, which Gen. Ren-shunkamp recently drove back to the Tatse river, is again reported to be moving northeast and strongly holding the Sino-dag-Sian-chang region.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Eight Watchman Severely Beaten. City Night Watchman Will Connor, of Aurora, was assaulted by the pals of three men whom he had arrested while attempting to enter the rear door of a store, and was almost beaten to death. He had arrested the three men and marched them to the city jail, where he had forced them, by drawing his revolver, to take the key and open the door. While one of them was opening the door two friends of the men slipped up behind him and struck him over the head with the butt of a revolver. After repeatedly striking him on the head, they locked him in the jail and made their escape. Connor is seriously injured, but physicians do not think his wounds will be fatal. He was unconscious in jail for three hours.

Vernon Given Three Years. At Hannibal, Dr. J. B. Vernon, of St. Louis, who was convicted on three counts of bribery in connection with the selection of post office sites in Missouri cities, was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. United States District Judge Adams overruled a motion for a new trial. Notice of an appeal was given, and Vernon was taken to St. Louis to perfect the appeal. His bond was fixed at \$10,000. The case of Charles L. Blanton, of the United States treasury department, indicted on a similar charge, was continued until next May.

Sheriff Smith Acquitted. At Butler, after deliberating just six minutes, the jury in the case of Sheriff Joseph T. Smith, charged with bribery in connection with the Kratz boodle case, returned a verdict of acquittal. The specific charge against Smith was an attempt to bribe Juror H. C. Hunt, who was impeached to sit in the case against Charles Kratz, who was charged with bribery in connection with the Salubran deal in St. Louis. The case did not go to trial at the time, because of the illness of Kratz, but the twelve jurymen had been selected.

May Not Award Scholarship. According to present indications, the Missouri Rhodes scholarship, carrying with it an annual stipend for \$1,500 for three years at Oxford college, may not be awarded this year. The time for filing applications expires December 31, and President R. H. Jesse of the University of Missouri, chairman of the committee on awards, says that but four applications have been received. Last year there were 19 applications for the scholarship, which was finally awarded to Eugene Blodgett, of Shelbyville, who is now in England.

Nevada Post Office Fight. The republican post office primary was held at Nevada and was carried by D. W. Graves. Less than 200 votes were polled out of over 600. O. W. Neff, the republican editor, did not enter the primary, but claims to be in the lead for the office. It is generally conceded Congressman Sharlet will endorse Neff, as the congressman did not favor the primary plan, and Neff claims a majority of the city and central committees. The primary advocates will carry the fight to Washington.

Death of Old Politician. Richard D. Lancaster, who for thirty years was prominent in Missouri state and national politics, died at his home in St. Louis. Mr. Lancaster was the father-in-law of Congressman James J. Butler. He was a life-long friend of United States Senator George G. Vest, and it was largely through his efforts that Vest was returned to Washington after his first term.

Bank Receiver's Sale. Assets of the defunct Kansas City Safe Deposit & Savings bank of the face value of \$1,000,000 were sold by the receiver for \$400. The failure of the bank more than ten years ago caused much distress among the poor classes, who lost practically all of their savings when the institution collapsed. The officers of the bank were criminally prosecuted.

Policeman Hurt Convicted. Jas. Hurst, who killed Police Officer Ed Gaffaney last June because Gaffaney reported him to the chief of police for neglect of duty, Hurst being at the time a member of the force, was convicted of murder in the second degree at Carthage, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Judge Gantt Won't Resign. Judge James B. Gantt, of the Missouri supreme court, has announced that he will not resign. This action is thought to be due to the many importunities of Judge Gantt's friends, who have entreated him to remain where he is.

Jones Acquitted of Reed Murder. The preliminary trial of William Jones before Judge Farris, at Rich Hill, on a charge of murdering William Reed, who mysteriously disappeared from his home on November 28, resulted in acquittal.

Death of Thomas B. Hitt. Thomas B. Hitt, aged 72, a member of the board of Hardin college, died at Mexico. He leaves a large estate to his widow and three children.

Memphis Editor Dead. Samuel S. Mott died at Memphis from an injury received in a fall last winter. He formerly published the Memphis Democratic Standard.

New Bank for Montgomery. A national bank, with a capital stock of \$25,000, has been organized at Montgomery. Messrs. Stover and Childs are the promoters.

Sale Approved. The board of directors of the World's fair have approved the sale of exhibition property to the Chicago House-Wrecking Co. for \$450,000.

Slot Machine Convictions. Emil Berns and William Simon, charged with operating slot machines, were fined \$100 and costs each in the circuit court at Clayton.

Negro Wife Beater Fined. Frank Fietz, a negro wife beater, was fined \$100 by Judge Pollard in St. Louis.

After Twenty Years' Career. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 18.—The firm of Friede & Bode, brick manufacturers, after a business career covering 20 years, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The indebtedness amounts to about \$10,000.

Convicted of Killing His Sister. Victoria, Tex., Dec. 18.—Steve Ricks was convicted of the murder of his sister, Mrs. Della Von Roeder, and sentenced to life imprisonment. She was trying to protect her husband from her brother when shot.

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A Director of Hardin College. Mexico, Mo., Dec. 18.—F. B. Hitt, a member of the board of directors of Hardin college of this city, died here Friday, aged 72. He was a native of Boone county.

Passed Philippine Bill. Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate, by a vote of 44 to 23, passed the Philippine civil government bill. The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments, and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill.

Five Thousand Russians Make Revolutionary Demonstration. Moscow, Dec. 18.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration, Sunday, from noon till nearly evening. Probably 5,000 people actually participated. Fortunately the agitators did not succeed in drawing the workingmen from the factories into the disturbance, and after many collisions, the police, firing blank volleys and charging with their sabres, the crowds were finally dispersed. Many were wounded and more were arrested. As far as known, none of the rioters was killed. One policeman is reported fatally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled.

The authorities knew in advance that trouble was impending, and many houses along Tverskaya street were specially guarded, and extra policemen were on duty in the streets.

Several squadrons of mounted gendarmes were concealed in the court yards of houses, ready for an emergency. The crowds began to collect at midday in Tverskaya street, students, young men and women mixing with the general public. The thoroughfare was soon congested with a mass of moving humanity which converged on Strastnaya square, where 3,000 persons assembled, many armed with clubs and carrying flags. The crowd, singing, moved towards the palace of Grand Duke Sergius, the governor-general of Moscow. The police attempted to block the street, whereupon the trouble began in earnest. The crowd broke through the cordon, and one policeman was knocked down, and it is thought, fatally hurt. Battalions of police were brought up at double-quick to reinforce their comrades. Sticks and stones were freely used by the mob which threatened to again break through the cordon.

Police Fire Blank Volleys. The police, under orders of their chief, fired several blank volleys and mounted men charged, using the flats of their swords. The mob fought stubbornly, but finally broke and sought shelter in the side streets. Here the police were again severely pressed to keep people out of Tverskaya street, where caught between the seething mob on one side and throngs of curious spectators on the other.

Many of the demonstrators who broke through the cordon of police paraded in side streets in smaller groups waving flags and singing. A crowd of 500 collected in front of the theater, where revolutionary flags were hoisted amid shouts of "Long Live Freedom." The police were not prepared at this point, and the crowd, gathering volume, moved from the square to Neglinskaya street and Koomnestki bridge, the chief street of Moscow, where the police met them. Another stubborn fight ensued, ending as the first had done, with three blank volleys and sabre charges.

The disturbance continued at isolated spots throughout the afternoon. Many shops were turned into hospitals, where the wounds of both rioters and police were temporarily dressed.

The workmen held aloof from the demonstration, employers having given them warning that any participant would be dismissed.

Quiet was finally restored, though almost every small street was traversed by small singing and shouting groups during the course of the afternoon.

NINE LIVES LOST ON BURNING BOAT.

Steamer Glen Island Destroyed by Fire Off Greenwich, Conn.

Twenty-three were rescued.

They had Taken to the Lifeboats and the Crew of the Tug Bully Left Their Tow to Undertake Rescue Work.

New York, Dec. 18.—Nine persons, including two passengers, lost their lives early Saturday morning by the burning off Greenwich, Conn., of the Starlin line steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captain's Island, in Long Island sound, and was burned to the water's edge.

The fire was discovered about midnight off Execution Point, in the sound. How it started is not known, but suddenly the whole boat was seen to become filled with smoke, and the electric lights were extinguished.

Boats were hurriedly lowered, and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York.

The tug Bully, which sighted the Glen Island afire, cut loose from her tow and dashed to the flaming steamer and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. They were placed aboard the steamer Corning and brought back to New York.

The Dead. Unidentified woman passenger, resident of New York.

Unidentified man passenger, from New York.

Robert Hanley, deckhand. O. Bird, deckhand. Frank Bush, fireman. Lunsman Miller, fireman. William Burke, fireman. Otto —, fireman. William Hendrickson, assistant engineer.

Among those saved were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Street, of New Haven Conn., and their two daughters. The Street girls are students at Vassar and were on their way to New Haven for the holiday vacation at home.

The lifeboats hung about the burning vessel until the tug Bully came as close to the burning boat as she dared. The 23 persons in the lifeboats were then taken on board the tugboat. The tug then got alongside of the burning boat ready to take any on board who jumped from the boat into the ice-filled water.

Only one deckhand succeeded in getting off the boat and swimming to the tug. He said that he was Peter Hanley, and that he was nearly unconscious from cold when he was fished on board the tug. The burning vessel came on down the river with the tide. An attempt was made to reach her by life-savers from the shore, but without success. The river at that point was swimming with ice and the tide was boiling.

Origin of Fire is a Mystery. The Glen Island was running up the sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. How and where it originated is a mystery, but it is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel. Nearly all the passengers were in their berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling flames and the lights went out.

Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail, and the lifeboats were then prepared.

The Glen Island, which was commanded by Capt. McAllister, who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the City of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the vessel was christened William C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

LOST IN A BROOKLYN BLAZE. Three Lives Lost and Six Persons More or Less Injured in a Fire in Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Dec. 18.—Fire broke out at six o'clock Saturday morning in the three-story and basement brown stone dwelling at 184 South Ninth street, Brooklyn. Three lives were lost and six persons were more or less injured.

The Dead: Arden Reynolds, 75. Miss Alice Simpson, 35. Charles S. Paynter, 2.

The injured: Dr. Mortimer J. Burford, Charles M. Smith, A. B. Paynter, Charles Reynolds, Jacob Diechel, Harry Brownridge.

The fire started in the basement. Mr. Reynolds had gone down as was his custom to start an oil heater to warm the house. The supposition is that a lace curtain took fire and the flames soon spread, enveloping the whole house. The damage will reach \$5,000.

The Funeral Postponed. South Bend, Ind., Dec. 18.—Otto F. Keith started a party of friends, Friday, by saying: "You people will have a chance to go to my funeral Sunday." Then he showed a vial from which he had swallowed laudanum. Prompt work saved his life.

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A Director of Hardin College. Mexico, Mo., Dec. 18.—F. B. Hitt, a member of the board of directors of Hardin college of this city, died here Friday, aged 72. He was a native of Boone county.

Passed Philippine Bill. Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate, by a vote of 44 to 23, passed the Philippine civil government bill. The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments, and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill.

Five Thousand Russians Make Revolutionary Demonstration. Moscow, Dec. 18.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration, Sunday, from noon till nearly evening. Probably 5